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REGIONAL DEFENSIVE TREATY FOR PACIFIC

Discussions Now Going On In Commonwealth Nations LIKE ATLANTIC PACT

Canberra, March 14.

Discussions are now going on for the conclusion of a Pacific regional defence pact, embracing non-British as well as British countries, the Australian Defence Minister, Mr. John Dedman, stated here today.

RANGOON'S OFFER TO KARENS

Rangoon, March 14.
Burma offered rebelling Karens an autonomous state of their own today as reports reached Rangoon that the Karens have captured all of Mandalay.

A Rangoon newspaper said the Karen tribesmen had taken all of Burma's second largest city in a three-day battle with Government forces. The Burmese Government admitted yesterday that part of Mandalay had been taken by the rebels. Mandalay, with a population of 200,000, is 500 miles North of Rangoon on the Irrawaddy River.

The newspaper which reported the city in Karen hands is "Voice of the Peacock." It added that fighting is still going on outside the city, mainly along the banks of the Irrawaddy River.

It also reported that the Karens are attacking the city of Sagam, across the river from Mandalay.

The Government, meanwhile, announced its acceptance of recommendations for creation of a separate Karen state within the Burma union.

The Government said that boundaries of the new state will be determined by a plebiscite.

The Government also announced an amnesty for Karens in Insein, a suburb of Rangoon, provided they lay down their arms by Thursday.

Rebels in other parts of Burma are called on to surrender by March 31 on similar terms.

The Government statement said that a 14-man protection committee headed by the Chief Justice, Sir Ba U, will supervise the collection of arms and provide protection for the surrendering rebels.—Associated Press.

Mr. Dedman added that Britain has taken an active part in the talks. The pact, he said, will be similar to the Atlantic defence pact. Mr. Dedman's announcement came a few hours after Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, had arrived at Darwin on his way for talks with the Australian and New Zealand Governments.

An authoritative source told Reuter in Melbourne on Saturday that the main purpose of the talks will be to establish Empire defence zones and that altogether seven Dominion countries are taking part in similar talks with British experts during the next week.

After these discussions, a conference of Prime Ministers will be held in London, the sources said.

CHINA URGED TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Shanghai, March 14.
Dr. Sun Fo, Nationalist China's out-going Premier, urged China to take a neutral stand in the event of a third world war in a week-end statement quoted by Chinese newspapers this morning.

He was reported to have said that, from the standpoint of the Chinese people, China at present should remain anti-American and anti-Soviet.

He attributed the lack of satisfactory results from China's past foreign policy to the deterioration of relations between the wartime Allies, which affected the China situation.

Dr. Sun Fo added that China was not responsible for this state of world affairs. Asked what would emerge of the Chinese Coalition Government, he said: "I am not a prophet."—Reuter.

Secret Talks

He added that it will mean that Australia and New Zealand will have a more important and more onerous job in the Pacific. Australia will play a bigger part in the Indian Ocean zone.

The correspondent, whose message is given prominence, stated that the proposed Pacific pact will probably include Canada, New Zealand, probably Mexico and some of the Central and Southern American nations.

"Unity among Britain, America and Australia on defence matters, is growing. These three countries already have reached important decisions on defence.

"British Commonwealth leaders will discuss these decisions at their conference in London or Ottawa next month."

Sir Frederick Shredder, Secretary of the Australian Defence Department, will shortly leave for London by air for highly secret talks with British officials, the correspondent added.

Authoritative sources in London today said the reports of a Pacific Pact were premature.

They said the main objective of the consultations of the four British envoys in the Commonwealth capitals was to convene a meeting before India's new constitution comes into effect.

As far as official information is available in London is concerned, India, Pakistan and Ceylon have not been consulted on a Pacific Pact.—Reuter and United Press.

Communist Trade Bureau In HK?

Two Chinese Communist administrations in North China are planning to establish a trade bureau in Hong Kong to facilitate business with foreign countries, the vernacular "New Life Evening Post" reported yesterday.

Quoting a recent arrival from North China, the newspaper said that the Communist administrations of North East China and North China had reached a mutual agreement on foreign trade.

THE WEATHER

At noon GMT (2 p.m. HKST) a ridge of high pressure from the Siberian anticyclone covers N and Central China. From a shallow depression over Tukpuk along the E China coast to a depression over the Pacific NW of Tokyo. This depression is moving fairly rapidly E. Slack pressure gradients prevail over the S China Sea.

Today's Forecast—Moderate, fresh NNE winds, cloudy with interstitial rain during night and morning. Cooler. Yesterday's Weather—

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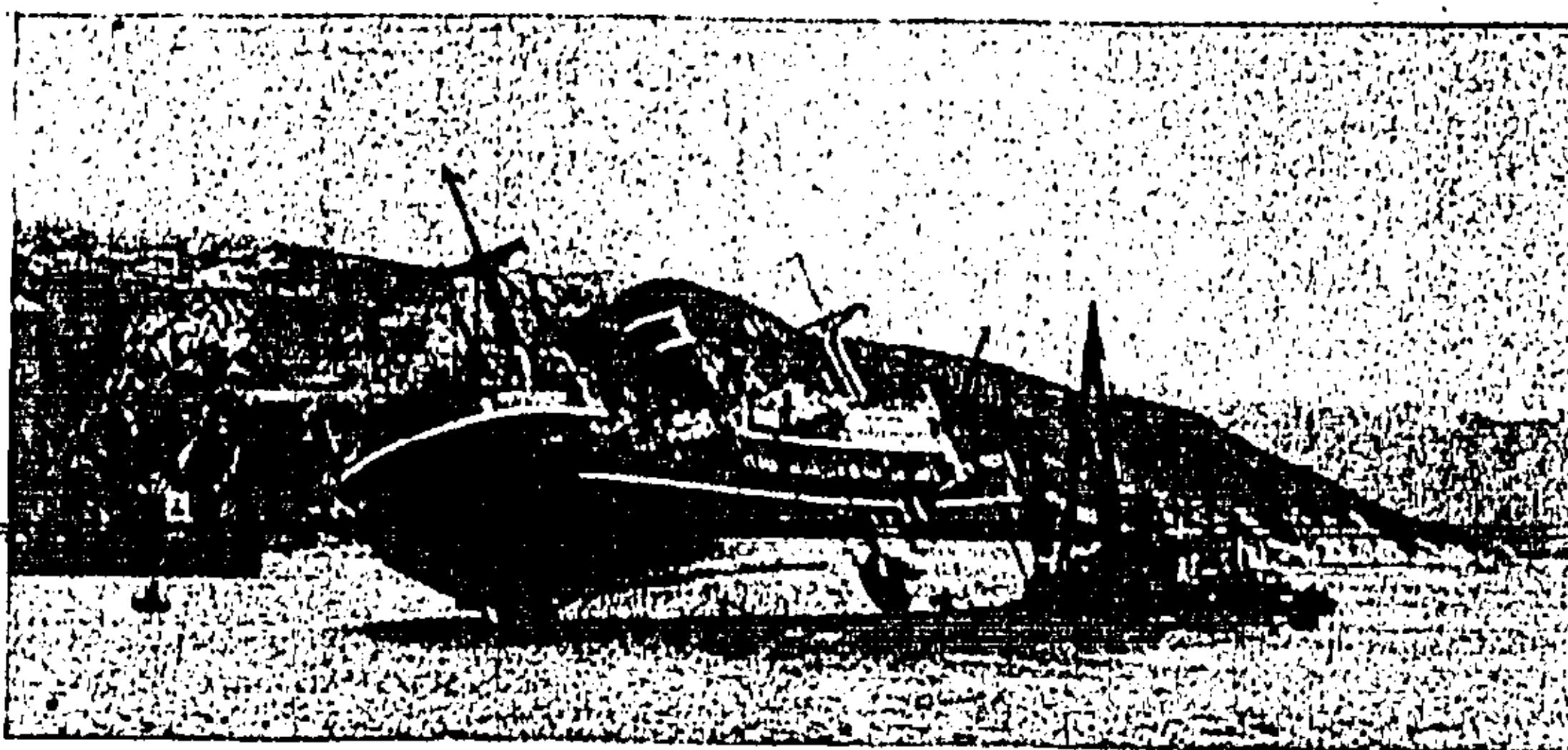
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Lying about 200 yards off the Tukkoo Dockyard and listing at an acute angle, the ss. Haven is being surveyed by divers after being towed into port with a split forepeak and water-logged hold. The Chinese steamer, specially chartered by the IRO to evacuate DPs to the Philippines, struck rock off Namkan Island, 10 miles South East of Waglan, last Sunday evening. No one was injured.—"China Mail" Photo.

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REDS SET FOR YANGTSE DRIVE

Shanghai, March 14.

After two months' intensive preparations, the Communist Commander, General Chen Yi, is all set for a major offensive to eliminate the remaining Nationalist bridgeheads on the North bank of the Yangtse River and begin a crossing attempt.

He is said to have completed the deployment of 300,000 troops grouped into 19 columns along the stretch of the river between Anking, 140 miles South West of Nanking, and Luwei, opposite the Nationalist fortress of Kiangyin, 85 miles North West of Shanghai.

The reports claim that at least four of these columns are "green," composed almost entirely of recruits without combat experience.

In addition to his own troops, General Chen Yi will have available as reinforcements 10 columns of General Liu Po-cheng's armies, which are at present operating in South Honan and East Hupei, and five columns of General Lin Piao's Manchurian troops.

The latter force was rumoured today to have already arrived at Hsichow, in North Kiangsu, by rail from the Peiping area. The major Communist concentration points are given in these unconfirmed despatches as Wuwei and Holien, Anhwei province, to the West of Nanking, and around Tsingtao, Taihoku, Tsinling and Yangchow in Central Kiangsu.

These sources said that up to today the Communists have not yet done so.—United Press.

Government Waiting For Nod From Reds

Nanking, March 14.

Mr. Shao Li-te, today denied press reports that the Government peace delegation is to proceed to Peiping with in a week to begin talks with the Communists there.

Other official sources said the reports were merely speculation since the departure of the Government delegation would wait until the Communists announce their delegates and the time and place for the talks.

These sources said that up to today the Communists have not yet done so.—United Press.

Yuan Body's Decision To Impeach Sun Fo

Nanking, March 14.

A photostat copy of a letter, alleged to have been written by ex-Premier Sun Fo "for his beloved concubine, asking high-ranking officials to get back dyestuffs," said to belong to Miss Lan Li, was produced in the Control Yuan Committee by Mr. Chin Yeh-kwang, when the Committee decided to impeach Dr. Sun and his friend, Miss Lan Li.

Almost simultaneously with the decision to impeach Dr. Sun, the Control Yuan today decided not to proceed with 48 other cases in which it had decided to impeach Government officials.

Mr. Chin, who led the investigation into the allegations that Dr. Sun had attempted to get Japanese dyestuffs confiscated by the Controller of Enemy Property after the Pacific War, returned to Miss Lan Li, also produced a letter from an unnamed Minister in the Sun Fo Cabinet.

Both letters were said to have been addressed to Mr. Liu Kung-ying, former Governor of the Central Bank of China, who was dismissed from office by the Sun Fo Cabinet in January.

When Dr. Sun himself became Premier, he ordered the property to be returned and since it already had been auctioned, he ordered the Central Trust of China to pay compensation in U.S. dollars according to the then prevailing price of dye.

The report was also said to contain photostatic copies of Dr. Sun's letters to the former Premiers, Dr. Soong, Chang Chun and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, and Mr. Liu Kung-ying, Governor of the Central Bank of China.—Reuter.

The letter was said to have been signed: "I am grateful to you."

Mr. Chin was reported to have told the Yuan that the ex-Premier had acted "foolishly" and illegally.

"If we did not severely punish him, how shall we eliminate public resentment and enhance the morale of our fighting forces?" he added.

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Close Vote

The Control Yuan Committee decided on the impeachment by an 8-7 vote.

The five Control Yuan members who investigated the case have now submitted their report to the Yuan, which is expected to hold a meeting shortly to approve the committee's impeachment resolution.

The five members are Mr. Hsien Tsai-wel, Mr. Chin Yeh-kwang, Mr. Ni Pi, Mr. Ho Chih-chou and Mr. Yu Pei-huo.

The report is now still kept secret, but a reliable source leaked out the following details of the case:

Alleged Letters

Eighty-four drums of dyes belonging to Miss Lan Li, described as Dr. Sun's friend, were auctioned by Government as puppet property. Miss Lan Li was considered a puppet because of her connections with China's top puppet, Chen Kung-po.

The former Prime Minister was alleged to have written to Dr.

The King Makes Good Recovery

London, March 14.

King George VI's general condition remains satisfactory after his operation on Saturday, an official bulletin from Buckingham Palace said today.

"The King awoke for the greater part of the night. His post-operative discomfort is lessening," the bulletin, signed by the King's six doctors, added.

The King had an operation of lumbar sympathectomy to improve the blood circulation in his right leg.

Today's bulletin, the fourth since Saturday, was issued after a shorter examination of the King than that made on Sunday. Court circles said that the bulletin can be regarded as completely satisfactory.—Reuter.

Estimate Of HK's 1949-50 Budget

Hong Kong Government's expenditure for the 1949-50 financial year is officially estimated at HK\$179,586,970—an increase of HK\$29,302,865 over the approved estimate for 1948-49.

An Ordinance to authorise application of the estimate to the Public Service of the financial year ending March 31, 1950, will be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow.

Biggest items in the 1949-50 Budget is HK\$37,832,100 under the heading of Miscellaneous Services, followed by HK\$10,618,000 (Public Works Extraordinary), HK\$12,260,877 (Subventions), HK\$12,633,723 (Police Force), HK\$12,632,000 (Public Works Recurrent), and HK\$12,601,935 (Medical Department).

Government intends to provide only HK\$5,093,335 for the Education Department. The approved estimate for the current financial year was HK\$12,124,138.

Details of the proposed expenditure follow:

The Governor, HK\$231,200; Agriculture Department, HK\$730,228; Audit Department, \$243,007; Civil Aviation Department, \$634,430; Colonial Secretariat and Legislature, \$1,084,828; Department of Commerce and Industry, \$1,279,076; Co-operatives and Marketing, \$73,027; for Fish Marketing Organisation, and \$76,052 for Vegetable Marketing Organisation; District Office New Territories, \$336,700; Education Department, \$5,085,335; Fire Brigade, \$1,104,104; Fisheries Department, \$121,503; Forestry Department, \$420,000; Gardens Department, \$540,881; Hong Kong Defence Forces, \$2,380,503; Hong Kong Regiment, \$1,000,000; Hong Kong Air Force, \$105,930;

Revenue Department, \$915,205; Kowloon Canton Railway, \$5,443,695; Labour Department, \$268,335; Legal Department, \$370,874; Magistracies, A—Hong Kong Magistracy, \$130,099, B—Kowloon Magistracy, \$112,782; Marine Department, \$12,802,137; Medical Department, \$12,601,038; Miscellaneous Services, \$37,632,100; Pensions, \$6,720,000; Police Force, \$12,633,723; Post Office, \$2,604,958; Broadcasting and Telecommunications, A—Post Office, \$2,604,958; B—Broadcasting, \$352,609; C—Telecommunications, \$270,314; Prisons Department, \$2,934,617; Public Debt, \$5,488,814; Public Relations Office, \$160,988; Public Works Department, \$4,349,180; Public Works Recurrent, \$12,633,000; Public Works Extraordinary, \$19,818,000; Rating and Valuation Department, \$100,801; Registrar General's Department, \$166,750; Royal Observatory, \$404,588; Sanitary Department and Urban Council, \$5,724,186; Secretariats for Chinese Affairs, A—Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, \$177,111, B—Social Welfare Office, \$259,663; C—District Watch Force, \$186,000; Statistical Department, \$128,420; Stores Department, \$6,591,432; Subventions, \$13,350,877; Department of Supplies and Distribution, \$702,406; Supreme Court, \$414,701; Treasury, \$700,245; Custodian of Property, \$42,000; Colonial Development and Welfare Schemes, \$1,100,000; Total, \$179,586,970.

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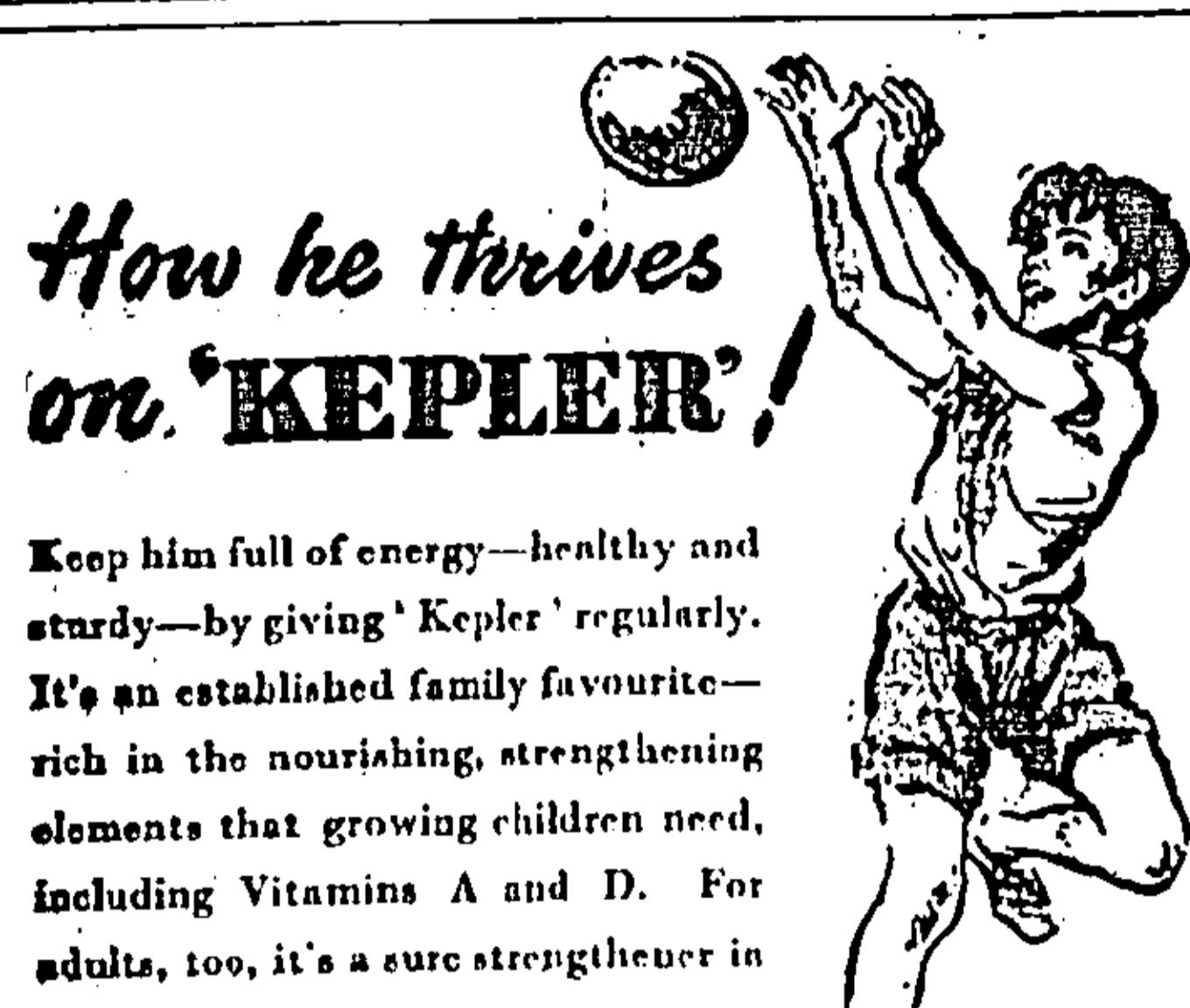
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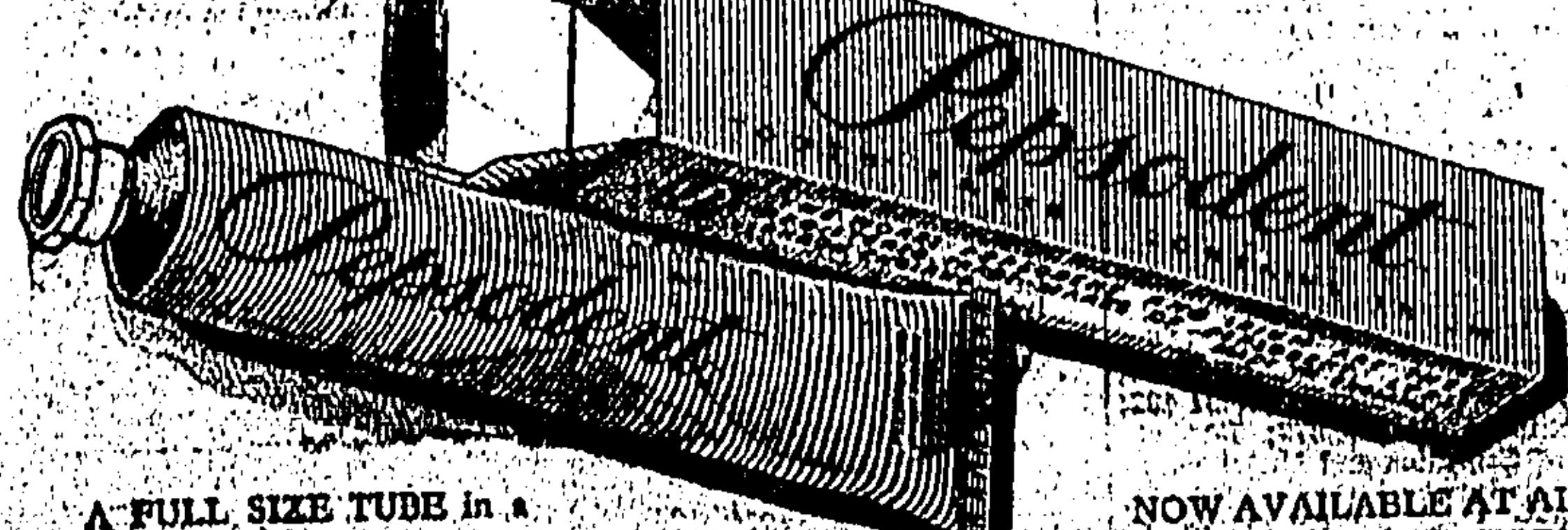
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WARTIME LAND SALE DISPUTED IN ACTION

The sale of No. 184 Queen's Road Central during the Japanese occupation was disputed in an action before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, yesterday.

Tsui Chun, widow, residing at No. 172 Prince Edward Road, 2nd floor, the plaintiff in the action, claimed that she bought the property as far back as October 1912.

The sale of the property made by Fung Kwok-hing, representing himself as her agent or attorney, on February 20, 1945, was not recognized by her as, she said, Fung was at no time her attorney and he had no authority or right to assign the property or deal with it in any manner whatsoever.

She further stated that the assignment was made without her knowledge or consent, and claimed that defendants were in wrongful possession of the premises.

She asked the Court for a declaration that the assignment made during the Japanese occupation is null and void and of no legal effect; that the defendants have no right or title to or interest

in the premises; and that she, plaintiff, as the sole beneficial owner of the premises, is entitled to possession.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. Leo D'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr. G.Y. Kwan.

Defence Statement

Defendants in the action were Lui Suet-ying and Tang Sing-po, stated in the claim as married women, residing at 2, Queen's Road West, 2nd floor.

They bought the property from Fung Kwok-hing on February 20, 1945.

Both women were represented by Mr. H.G. Sheldon and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

In their statement of defence, Lui Suet-ying stated that she was a married woman residing at 11, Dragon Terrace, 1st floor, and Tang Sing-po claimed she was a widow residing at 45, Bonham Road, 2nd floor.

They admitted buying the property during the occupation, but they submitted that it was for plaintiff to prove that she was Tsui Chun in whom the premises became vested in the assignment completed.

They claimed that they were beneficial owners, having purchased the property by assignment through the attorney or agent of the owner.

Mr. D'Almeida, opening for the plaintiff, said two issues are involved in the case. The first is ownership of the property, in respect of which the onus of proof is on the plaintiff.

Onus Of Proof

The second issue is in regard to the assignment of the property during the Japanese occupation, and the onus of proof is on the defendants.

In support of his contention Mr. D'Almeida quoted various authorities on the subject.

Disputing this contention, Mr. Sheldon said such splitting up of the issues and dealing with a case piecemeal, as it were, had been done in 25 years. If a case could be split into two issues, it could also be split into 20 issues.

The only issue in the case submitted Mr. Sheldon, is whether there was a power of attorney and, if so, whether it was forged or not.

After legal arguments by counsel on both sides, hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. today for the Chief Justice to give a ruling on the point of onus of proof.

Licence Was Not Genuine

Li Hung, a shop-keeper of 918 Canton Road, was charged with affecting a public nuisance by making a false statement to the Police, at Central yesterday.

On March 18, Li presented a lorry driver's licence for renewal at the Traffic Office, Central Station. Investigation revealed that the licence was not genuine, but changed from a private car licence by erosion.

Before Mr. Hin-shing Lo, defendant pleaded that he was a licensed private car driver. He was offered a job as a lorry driver, and his friend suggested that he change the licence for him.

He was given a chance to identify his friend, but he refused.

Li was fined \$300 or three months. His private car licence was, on the application of Inspector Mackay, ordered to be cancelled.

Legalising Charity Lotteries

St. Vincent de Paul Society—one of the biggest charitable organisations in the Colony—will be able to run its annual lottery this year provided a Bill, to be presented to the Legislative Council tomorrow, passes its Third Reading.

An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance of 1891 will have its First Reading at the Council meet tomorrow. It assimilates the law in Hong Kong to that of the United Kingdom, making it legal for lotteries to be run as an incident of entertainment organised by charitable institutions to raise funds.

Under existing provisions of the principal Gambling Ordinance, such lotteries are illegal. They are, however, legal in the United Kingdom provided that certain conditions are complied with.

The conditions are included in the proposed amendments.

The St. Vincent de Paul annual lottery was not allowed to be run last year by the authorities.

Solent For Hong Kong Delegation

The specially-chartered Short Solent flying-boat is to fly to Hong Kong's industrial delegation to the British Industries Fair at London and Birmingham in May is due to arrive in the Colony in the middle of next month.

On her flight to the United Kingdom, the Solent will touch at Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Aden, Alexandria and Augusta.

The Solent has a wing-span of 114 feet. Her length is 98 feet and all-up weight totals 78,000 pounds. Her power units consist of four Bristol Hercules Type 637, 14-cylinder engines, giving a total of 7,200 horse-power.

The Solent has a cruising speed of 210-miles-an-hour, and accommodation for 31 passengers and between eight and 10 crew. Passengers are accommodated on two decks in five cabins.

All seats in the Solent are adjustable and are equipped with collapsible tables. The upper deck has a lounge.

There is also a lounge and a bar on the lower deck.

The flying-boat has three toilets and two dressing rooms.

BOAC TRAFFIC INCREASING

British Overseas Airways Corporation flew a total of 18,333,329 ton-miles of cargo and mail in 1948—increases of 40 per cent and 88 per cent, respectively over previous year's figures.

It was officially announced yesterday that in tons, the cargo carried by BOAC totalled 3,068 and mail amounted to 1,767 by air between Europe and America, Africa, Asia and Australia.

In addition, many millions of ton-miles were flown by British European Airways, British South American Airways and the British charter companies.

A considerable amount of the huge volume of traffic went in the first instance to BOAC's cargo handling unit at Airways Terminal, Buckingham Palace Road, London, where some 1,000 enquiries a week are received from consignors who wish to send goods by air to all parts of the world.

By the cargo booking system in operation, consignments, as in the case of passengers, are booked for particular services.

The revised Air Freight booklet summarises the facilities, conditions of carriage, documentation, and COD systems. Copies are available free, or charge from the BOAC office or its agents.

CAR ACCIDENT

An Austin utility, driven by Mr. A. T. B. Barbers of 508, The Peak, had an accident at the junction of May Road and Garden Road last night.

He was given a chance to identify his friend, but he refused.

Li was fined \$300 or three months. His private car licence was, on the application of Inspector Mackay, ordered to be cancelled.

Chiang Kai-Shek Still In Chikow

Chikow (by phone to Shanghai), March 14.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is still in Chikow

and has no plans whatever to leave soon.

A member of Generalissimo's official family told the United Press that a report carried by another news agency that the Generalissimo has left here and gone to Kulangsu Island in Amoy Bay was entirely erroneous.

He said: "The Generalissimo is still right here in Chikow."

A report from Nanking said the information that the Generalissimo has left here and gone to Kulangsu Island in Amoy Bay was entirely erroneous.

He added: "The Generalissimo absolutely has no plans whatever to leave Chikow now or any time in the future."

Generalissimo's personal aide said the Generalissimo

was two days ago paid a brief visit to Ningpo, port town

35 miles from Chikow, but im-

mediately returned to his resi-

dence on Wulung Mountain near

his mother's tomb.

He said: "The Generalissimo is

continuing daily hikes visiting

countryside villages and has gained eight pounds weight since leaving Nanking.

The Generalissimo now weighs 120 pounds, said Captain Shih.

He added: "The Generalissimo

absolutely has no plans whatever to leave Chikow now or any time in the future."

Meanwhile, with their be-

longings, huddled together on

the rocky beach about

midnight, 15 seamen waited

for relief from the Chinese

Seamen Union.

SHIP HITS ROCK, TOWED INTO PORT

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Panic among her crew and their persistent pleas compelled the master of the ss. Haven to radio for assistance a few hours after the Chinese steamer struck a rock in thick fog off Namkan Island, 10 miles South East of Waglan, at 6.05 p.m. last Sunday.

"The Haven was not in danger at any time after the accident, although she listed heavily two miles off Waglan," Mr. George Churchein, aged 59, Polish master of the "Refugee Ship," stated aboard the vessel when interviewed.

The Haven, which was en route from Manila to call for bunkers, was off discharging 600 DPs from Shanghai at Samar Island, was towed into port yesterday with a split forepeak and listing heavily on her port side. Her No. 1 hold was only dented but became water-logged as a result of the leak from the damaged forepeak.

All hands, including several Chinese Quarantine Service doctors, are safe. No one was injured.

Divers from the Takuoo Dockyard examined the ship, which was lying off Takuoo listing at an angle of about 30 degrees, and reported a large stretch of the forepeak was opened up but from its bottommost point to a length of five feet there is no damage.

"According to regulations, I cannot call for help unless there is danger of sinking," the China Coast veteran declared. "We were quite safe after hitting the rock and it was only when we were about two miles from Waglan that the Haven listed heavily."

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DPW GIVES EVIDENCE ON BEHALF OF MAY

Evidence that May's reputation was one of high standing, enterprise and initiative, was given yesterday by the Director of Public Works, Mr. V. Kenniff, and the Acting Senior Health Officer, Dr. G. Graham-Cumming, who appeared to testify voluntarily as to the character of the accused.

Mention of May's part in espionage and sabotage activities during the Japanese occupation was also made. Crown Counsel will give his closing address for the Crown to the jury this morning.

Standing trial on three counts of treason by public servant and three counts of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government are Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Arthur Frederick May, electrical inspector Grade I, both of the Public Works Department.

Cross-examined by Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, May disclosed that he visited sites in which electrical work went on in a purely technical capacity. The number of men on a job would be guessed roughly from the Distribution Board before he left the office. There was no necessity for counting each man on the job personally.

Mr. Hooton questioned May about the job at the To Kwa Wan market. Accused agreed that there were 83 men working at To Kwa Wan up to August last year. He also agreed that he put his signature on the daily labour distribution and job report with regard to this particular job.

The job was visited by him twice, May added, the first occasion on July 20 with Kwok and the other on August 4.

Mr. Hooton referred to May's statement as made to Mr. Macpherson at Hung Hom, and pointed out the sentence, "and 83 men working there." Questioned, accused denied having said that. What had said, May claimed, was: "I might have seen men working there."

Not Well Kept

Mr. Macpherson, accused claimed, asked him "Did you visit To Kwa Wan?" and before he could reply to the question, Mr. Macpherson was writing away as if he knew the answer.

May told the court that about the end of July to some time in August last year, the distribution board was not being well kept. The action he took against the clerk responsible, Lee Poshan, was to report the matter to Brown.

Turning to the Lai Chi Kok Hospital work, Crown Counsel inquired whether accused agreed that the drawing up of 1,400 yards of electrical wire for that job was authorised by him, to which May agreed. He did not check whether the particular wire drawn from Wanchai was going to Lai Chi Kok or not.

Accused stated that it was wrong for the foreman to draw stones from Wanchai in large quantities at a time. He had authorised the drawing of large quantities only in cases of urgent work.

Crown Counsel put it to May with regard to the work at Pokfulam that May knew everything about it all the time. Accused denied this.

Mr. Hooton: Kwok Kwong gave evidence strongly implicating you in the case.

May: Yes.

What were your relations with Kwok Kwong after August 17? I always found him a ready and willing person.

Helped By May

Counsel stated that Kwok Kwong never gave any statement that he was implicated in the Kowloon Bowring Green Club or CPA, electrical jobs, to which May replied that according to what he had read in the papers regarding the previous PWD case, mention of his name had been made by Kwok in connection with these jobs.

Asked why Kwok Kwong should tell untruths about the Pokfulam job, implicating him, accused declared that he did not know.

Lam Yuen, proprietor of the Cheung Hing electrical firm, who had given evidence for the prosecution in the Lower Court, said in evidence that his firm had never been employed in any electrical work connected with CPA, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, or the Cecilia Beauty Saloon.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. H. Colman, Mrs. J. R. Blackie, Miss D. M. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, Mr. E. A. Aust and Sir R. C. Marshall arrived from Shanghai by the ss. Hupeh yesterday.

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mrs. J. C. Voss, Mrs. R. Guttlesind, Major and Mrs. M. Brennan, Mrs. G. Wilkinson, Mrs. P. Frost, Mrs. J. M. Fairchild, Mr. and Mrs. C. B.

Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bosch, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mohr, Messrs. A. H. Lang, F. J. Welch, E. M. Moon, P. Williams, T. Jenkins, J. N. McLeod, I. Gottman, W. S. Stocks, H. H. Evans, K. Lokhali, A. Fernandez, E. F. Jenkins, W. S. B. Lucy, A. H. Brown, W. J. Holmes, G. L. Howatt, W. G. Rhiner, G. H. Heintzen, A. L. Roberts, C. R. B. Thery, R. T. W. Muir and F. B. Oehlers.

New week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mrs. W. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. P. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dekker, Messrs. A. Price, O. J. Dawson, J. P. Grant, V. J. Sykes, M. F. Meyers, T. O'Donnovan, R. H. Lloyd, I. N. Malloch, H. B. McDowell, J. L. Aloway, D. H. Williams, L. J. Simmonds, J. Sutkin, M. Matendres and D. D. Bennett.

Mr. "Mike" Kendall of Philippine Air Lines returned yesterday from Calcutta, where he opened a new office for PAL.

Mr. Jerry O'Donnell of Pan American Airways returned yesterday from a three-week combination business and pleasure trip.

His travels took him to Paris, London, Brussels and other cities on the Continent.

Mr. Walter Hunziker, formerly of the Aluminium Rolling Mills of Shanghai, passed through the Colony yesterday, en route home to Lausanne, Switzerland.

Mr. Hunziker, who has spent nine years in China, "does not plan to return. He said he would take a holiday before deciding what to do next."

Mrs. Florence J. Allen, Mrs. York H. Sharpe, Lieutenant Dennis A. Bayly, Lieutenant John F. Coyne and Mr. William R. Williams arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. Clytie from Singapore.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced:

Clifford Peter Hayes, leading writer, HMS Tamar, and Delcia Ernstling dos Remedios, stenotypist, 27, Caroline Hill Road.

Kenneth Evans, civil servant, Flat 14C, Sunning Court Apartments, Hol Ping Road, and Priscilla Muriel Wheeler, steno-typist, 228 Nathan Road, 2nd floor.

He had also a high regard for May's honesty.

Citing one example of this, witness related how in May 1948, May came to him in his office and told him that he had received from someone a Rolex watch and a Parker-51 pen and pencil. Witness said he pointed out to May how easy it was for him to have kept the watch, pen and pencil for himself. May considered it his duty to hand it in.

Eventually the items were returned to their donor.

No Records

Cross-examining, Crown Counsel asked witness whether he would agree that there was a place at Hung Hom where materials in transit were kept.

Agreeing with this, witness said that it was not subject to the Government stores regulations, and he did not think it necessary to have a record kept of materials in transit.

Mr. Hooton suggested to witness that there would be no records for materials that came into Hung Hom for a lot of jobs, to which witness replied that that would be expensive. Beside that it was entirely up to the foreman to let him see it.

Asked whether he volunteered this evidence for May, Dr. Graham-Cumming replied in the affirmative.

"I have every confidence in the man," witness concluded.

DPW's Testimony

The Director of Public Works, V. Kenniff, said that on June 10, 1948, he inspected the electrical office at Wanchai.

He considered the organisation very satisfactory, and came away with the impression that it was a very good show.

The system devised by May, witness said, was very good in respect of labour-control, recording of stores, and all things that were necessary for the organisation of the stores.

Further questioned, Kenniff said that he did not consider the depot at Hung Hom an electrical store in the same way as Wanchai was a store. It was a kind of receiving place.

Witness said that he considered the good organisation of the electrical system could be attributed to the voluntary efforts of May. May was always regarded by him as a hard, conscientious worker, intelligent and character in addition to being very industrious.

Fruitless Search For Missing Crane

March 14. Five thousand air miles have been flown in what has so far proved a fruitless search for a floating crane which has been adrift in Formosa Strait since February 28.

The crane, worth £25,000, was being towed from Shanghai to Canton when it broke adrift in a storm.

Several reports from ships have been investigated without result. Searches now believe that the crane may be in the lower part of the Strait, and daily flights are being maintained by CATC planes with 10 observers aboard.

Later upon police investigation,

ALLEGED GANG MEMBER TO STAND TRIAL

Between December 18 and 20 last year, eight armed men went to the home of a farmer in the New Territories, spoke to his nephew, then left a letter addressed to his uncle in which they demanded a sum of \$1,000.

The letter was given into the custody of the police and upon their operational plan, one of the men was killed in a gun fight during a police ambush.

In the statement he said that he had been with Lok in the Chu Kang Village affair only because he had been told to do so by Lok, but denied that he had been in possession of arms or made any demands for money.

Wong appeared before Mr. A. D. Schatz in Kowloon last month and was committed to stand trial at the Supreme Court.

Yesterday, after further investigation, another man, said to be one of Lok's gang, was brought to the dock before Mr. Blair-Kerr. He was Tang Yip, alias Tang Kan-ye.

After an afternoon's proceedings, Tang was also committed to stand trial on a charge of demanding money with menace and being in possession of arms.

Detective Sub-Inspector R. MacKenzie, who was in charge of Wong's hearings, prosecuted Tang Yip yesterday.

Mr. MacKenzie told the court that on March 8, Tang Yip, defendant, came to his office and was interviewed with regard to the gang leader, Lok Lan-chai.

Defendant was cautioned, said Mr. MacKenzie, before a statement was taken from him.

Guard's Story

Cheung Tung-kwei, a village guard and farmer of Chu Kang Village, in the witness box, told of how eight men had come to his home, asked him for money and left a letter addressed to his uncle.

Cheung and another witness said in evidence that they identified defendant at an identification parade.

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Embezzler Gets Year's Sentence

Kwan Pak-kui, alias Kwan Teo-leung, aged 10, a clerk formerly employed by the Yiu Wo Cheong Import and Export Firm, was sentenced to one year's hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. Hin-shing Co at Central yesterday.

The defendant had pleaded guilty in a previous hearing to a charge of embezzlement of HK\$60,070 belonging to the firm, and the sentence was ordered to start from January 25, the date of the plea.

It was admitted by the defendant that some of the money had been converted to HK\$25,000 and that he had used \$10,000 in buying the Cumberland cafe, originally owned by Chiu Tong.

Mr. Y. H. Chen, prosecuting, said that he had intended to make a request for an order of restitution, but just before he came into the court, he received certain information which would be against his application. His request for one week's adjournment to enable him to follow up the information was granted.

Mr. H. L. Kwan, representing Chiu Tong, opposed the application and had no objection to the adjournment.

The fourth new motorship to join the Klaveness Line for the Pacific trade is now en route to Hong Kong from Vancouver on her maiden voyage. She is the 9,200-ton ms. Sunnylea, sister ship of the Castleville, Bougainville, and Franklinville, which have all been constructed specially for the post-war service of the "K" Line from the Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaya and Java.

Equipped with all latest navigation aids, the Sunnylea can accommodate 124 passengers in luxurious cabins.

She is due here on April 21.

The Building Authority intends to proceed against persons who maintain signboards which do not comply with the regulation.

The amendment originated because a clear space of 10 feet is required to permit unobstructed passage in Hong Kong of Fire Brigade Equipment of a larger size and in Kowloon of the double-decker buses.

The streets which will be the first concern of the Authority are: Queen's Road Central and East, and Hollywood Road; Bus Route (1) Star Ferry to Kowloon City (Salisbury Road from Star Ferry to Nathan Road, Nathan Road from junction of Salisbury Road to Prince Edward Road, Prince Edward Road from junction of Nathan Road to junction of Mt. Tau Chung Road) and Bus Route (2) Star Ferry to Sham Shui Po (Salisbury Road from Star Ferry to Nathan Road, Nathan Road from junction of Salisbury Road to Lai Chi Kok Road; Lai Chi Kok Road from junction of Nathan Road to junction of Yen Chow Street).

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REINFORCEMENT OF AKABA COMMENCES

SOVIET ZONE IS PARALYSED

Berlin, March 13.—The Soviet Zone economy is being paralysed by a wave of unemployment, the British-licensed Berlin paper, "Sozial Demokrat," declared today.

"Crowds of unemployed workers are piling up in the labour offices of the city," the paper said. "Since the climax of unemployment in Germany in 1932, there has been enough work for all less people."

The paper blamed Soviet policy in Eastern Germany, aimed at Communist control over Berlin, as the main reason for the negative development of the Soviet Zone economy.

"This unscrupulous policy frivolously risks trade connections between the Soviet Zone and Western Germany, thus undermining even the small foundations on which the economic two-year plan could be based," the paper said.

"The lack of raw materials was the consequence. There is a shortage of almost everything: iron and steel, sheet-metals and wire, nails and screws, rubber belts and all kinds of chemicals. Although skillful tricks try to conceal it, production is steadily decreasing."—Reuter.

SOVIET CO-OPS

Moscow, March 13.—The Soviet Union's co-operative societies, with 32 million members, have announced their support for a proposed "World Congress of Peace" in April, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported today.

Their Central Council said in a statement: "Members of the Soviet co-operatives have come out in a united front for a stable peace against the instigators of a new war. Peace throughout the world will be assured."—Reuter.

Amman, March 13.—British troops, equipment and armoured vehicles have been unloading at the port of Akaba since Saturday evening, it was officially announced today.

They are to observe a strict policy of non-interference concerning the Jews on the Palestine Red Sea coast.

An Israeli armoured force advancing along the Wadi Araba is now encamped in an area known as Wadi Ajarmah, midway between the Dead Sea and the Red Sea. They are sending out continuous patrols, some of which have engaged in skirmishes with Bedouin Arabs.

The Arab Legion, cut off of

Ghawandal faces the Israeli encampment across the frontier.

In Tel Aviv, Government quarters and Israel troops are in full possession of the Eyal region, a six-mile long coastal strip of the Gulf of Akaba, at the head of the Red Sea, which the United Nations partition resolution granted to Israel.

The presence of British troops at the port of Akaba, only two miles from the Israeli-Transjordan border, is not believed likely by official Israeli quarters to cause trouble.

Regrouping

An Israeli military spokesman described the Gulf of Akaba operation as a regrouping of forces in the Negev, following the Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement, which provided for a reduction in certain zones of the Negev.

According to this spokesman, this "regrouping" resulted in reinforcing the Eyal region.

The occupation of the area opens the way for Israeli resumption of the export of potash from

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THE KING IS MAKING PROGRESS

London, March 13.—King George, who underwent an operation yesterday to improve the flow of blood to his right foot, is continuing to make normal progress, it was learned at Buckingham Palace tonight.

Professor J. R. Learmonth,

who performed the operation

—lumbar sympathectomy—

remained at the palace throughout the day.

The other six doctors who,

with Professor Learmonth,

signed a bulletin on the

King's condition, issued this

morning, did not return to

the Palace tonight.—Reuter.

the Dead Sea works through a harbour to be built on the Red Sea. It is also seen as having permitted the signing of a sincere cease fire agreement in Rhodes between Israel and Transjordan, which covered the Akaba area, the day following the Israeli occupation of the Eyal region.

The government of Rhodes

is further seen as guaranteeing Is-

raeli possession of Eyal, rendering

any Transjordan attempt to

reverse the scales in the area as

a violation of a solemn bilateral

agreement.

Israeli Fears

The Israelis, according to Israeli sources, feared that Transjordan was trying to create a fait accompli as a basis for later political negotiations.

This seemed confirmed, these sources said, when the Transjordan delegation in Rhodes claimed certain Israeli territory in the Negev occupied by the Arab Legion.

The Israelis, who "regrouped" their forces in the Southern Negev seemed to have met no Transjordan forces at Umm Rashrash. The Israelis believed these forces were withdrawn to prevent United Nations observers reporting clashes inside Israeli territory.

In Rhodes, the Israeli-Transjordan armistice talks were adjourned until tomorrow after a one-hour session today. Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting Mediator, proposed this deferment while he and his advisers are working out a new approach to the complicated question of the Jerusalem armistice lines.

Both the Israelis and the Transjordanians presented what a United Nations official called very extreme demands. Unless one side or the other, or both, is to give way considerably, no solution is thought to be in sight. Associated Press.

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THEIR FINEST HOUR

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By Winston Churchill

at once proceeding to seek their consent.

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Deep Feelings

The President, having always to consider Congress and also the Navy authorities in the United States, was, of course, increasingly drawn to present the transaction to his fellow countrymen as a highly advantageous bargain whereby immense securities were gained in immeasurably dangerous times by the

The Japanese have got several tons of whale from the Antarctic. One man's poisson is another man's meat.

When Madam Chiang failed in her mission it was checkmate.

"What is more enjoyable than a long walk on a Sunday morning, finishing up with a cool glass of beer?" asks a writer. Sounds like subtle propaganda for the Defence Force.

Inscription on lid of fruit jar: "Pierce with a pin to release vacuum. Then push off." —Illustrated.

I shall love you as long as a lover must.

At least I will nobly try... Till all the rock has turned to dust.

And all the seas are dry. Till the last long sol has died away.

In the last lone crooner's throat. Till the last star fades from the midnight sky.

Till Hong Kong gets a vote...

Unfortunately the best beach sights cannot be ballotted for.

A man tells us that it is far better to have the boss of the house find a letter in your pocket that you forgot to post than one you neglected to destroy.

Notice in an ultra-modern restaurant: "Please be careful with the automatic waitresses in this establishment. One wrong word from the customers and they blow up."

"Good home wanted for twin grey male kittens. Five months. One a Persian." What's the other — Medo?

Marshall aid keeps America exporting and British shipping employed. Maybe we can make a living too, paying ourselves for carrying gifts to charitable institutions. Or is there a long-fallen fallacy in it?

A naturalist declares that some people who call themselves bird-lovers cannot tell the difference between partridges and corn-crakes. Perhaps they have never tasted corn-crakes.

The little kangaroo kept hopping out of its mama's pouch. Every time the papa kangaroo put it back, out the baby would pop again.

Papa became quite annoyed, and on the 10th jump-out he snatched Junior and began to spank him gingerly. "Don't do that," interceded Mama Kangaroo. "He can't help it if I have hiccups."

Self-mesmerism ...



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BIRTH

HUNG—On March 6, to Cecilia Ng Sin Wa, wife of Sebastino Hung, a son. Both mother and child doing well. (Please papers please copy).

U.K. RECOVERY

Both newspaper reports and letters from Horrie are currently describing an apparent lessening of austerity: gradual abolition of rationing, more goods in the shops, some reductions in price, and even above-the-counter piles of cigarettes. This coincides with frequently garbled accounts that Britain has balanced her overseas trade, and that the country will soon be able to stand on its own feet.

It is indeed good news for those of us in opulent Hong Kong to know that friends at Home are enjoying a lessening in the iron-hard round of scarcity and restriction they have been tied to for 10 years. Not that very much has changed: it is more an augury of things that may come. Visitors to Belgium, France, Italy etc. since the war have often said that while the British system of stringent controls cannot but be admired, a little more of the freedom of Paris or Rome would have provided much-needed incentive.

Next month sweets come off the ration, and for the first time in their lives most children will be able to buy all the bull's eyes and lollipops their hearts desire. Clothes rationing is coming to an end. Shops are full of most consumer goods. It looks fine at a casual glance, but just how sure is the foundation of optimism is another matter.

Some of the hard facts are disturbing. Overseas trade is balanced—up to a point. In the sterling area it is in our favour, but with the American continent Britain will for years to come have an adverse balance of hundreds of millions of dollars. A sudden cessation of Marshall aid would mean complete chaos. Nor has anyone offered a single likely solution to this grim problem, apart from long-term planners who advocate expansion of raw material resources within the Empire.

The sudden appearance of cigarettes in the shops is unlikely to mean more than the desire of dealers to unload their stocks before the April budget, when Sir Stafford Cripps may reduce the tax slightly. The increase in consumer goods is said by some experts to be the ominous result of loss of foreign markets rather than a superabundance of production.

There is no doubt, too, that money is tighter. Luxury trades are suffering a setback. Barkeepers stand idle behind the beer handles. The catering industry, which has been reaping a lush harvest for years, finds itself with empty rooms and a noticeable slowness of bookings for the summer season. Even the budget is unlikely to offer any relief to harassed salary earners, apart from a penny or two off beer and cigarettes.

Socialist schemes march on, and they all need money. The newly nationalised industries monotonously proceed at a loss, and it has not occurred to the working masses what will happen when they are all taken over and all running at a loss. So far, bitter taxation of the middle class has veiled the

Mr. Churchill, in his first telegram as Prime Minister to President Roosevelt on May 15, 1940, had asked for the loan of 40 or 50 old U.S. destroyers. This request had been repeated in the following months and was eventually fulfilled after Britain had given the United States the 99-year lease of certain naval bases.

Believing, as I have always done, that the survival of Britain is bound up with the survival of the United States, it seemed to me and to my colleagues that it was an actual advantage to have these bases in American hands. I therefore did not look upon the question from any narrow British point of view.

There was another reason, wider

and more powerful than either our own interest or the American need for the bases. The transfer to Great Britain of 50 American warships was definitely unequal act by the United States. It would, according to all standards of history, have justified the German Government in declaring war upon them. The President judged that there was no danger, and I felt there was no hope, of this simple solution of many difficulties. It was Hitler's interest and method to strike his opponents down by one. The last thing he wished was to be drawn into war with the United States before he had finished with Britain.

Was Anxious

Nevertheless, the transfer of the destroyers to Britain in August, 1940, was an event which brought the United States definitely nearer to us and to the war, and it was the first of a long succession of increasingly unequal acts in the Atlantic which were of the utmost service to us. It marked the pass-

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In Awe

If Great Britain broke under invasion, a pro-German Government might obtain far easier terms from Germany by surrendering the Fleet, thus making Germany and Japan masters of the New World. This dastard deed would not be done by His Majesty's present advisers, but, if some Quisling Government were set up, it is exactly what they would do, and perhaps the only thing they could do, and the President should bear this very clearly in mind.

You should talk to him in this sense, and thus discourage any complacent assumption on United States' part that they will pick up the debris of the British Empire by their present policy. On the contrary, they run the terrible risk that their sea power will be completely overmatched. Moreover, islands and naval bases to hold the United States in awe would certainly be claimed by the Nazis. If we go down, Hitler has a very good chance of conquering the world...

Nearly a month passed before any result emerged. Then came an encouraging telegram from the Ambassador. He said (July 5-0) that informed American opinion was at last beginning to realise that they were in danger of losing the British Fleet altogether if the war went against us and if they remained neutral. It would however be extremely difficult to get American public opinion to consider this unless it could be assured that in the event of the United States entering the war the British Fleet, or such of it as was afloat, would cross the Atlantic if Great Britain were overrun.

I expressed my own feelings to the Foreign Secretary:

if I say that our willingness to do so must be conditional on our being assured that there will be no delay in letting us have the ships and flying-boats.

Buy Peace

As regards an assurance about the British Fleet, I am, of course, ready to reiterate to you what I told Parliament on June 4. We intend to fight this out here to the end, and none of us would ever buy peace by surrendering or scuttling the Fleet. But, in any case, you may make of this repeated assurance, you will please bear in mind the disastrous effect from our point of view, and perhaps also from yours, of allowing any impression to grow that we regard the conquest of the British Islands and its naval bases as any other than an impossible contingency.

The spirit of our people is splendid. Never have they been so determined. Their confidence in the last few days has been enormously and legitimately strengthened by the severe air fighting in the past week. As regards naval and air bases, I readily agreed to your proposals for 99-year leases, which are far easier for us than the method of purchase. I have no doubt that once the principle is agreed between us the details can be adjusted and we can discuss them at leisure.

It will be necessary for us to consult the Governments of Newfoundland and Canada about the Newfoundland bases, in which Canada has an interest. We are

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The position is, I think, quite clear. We have no intention of surrendering the British Fleet, or of sinking it voluntarily. Indeed,

such a fate is more likely to overtake the German Fleet—or what is left of it. The nation

would not tolerate any discussion of what we should do if our Island were overrun. Such a

truth, but eventually facts

will have to be admitted, unless the standard of living in Britain is to decline to that of Russia.

Britain has truly done a remarkable job since the war, but she is far from being out of the wood yet.

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U.S. POLICY IN CHINA

Washington Preparing A Report On Situation

AUSTRIAN LEADER'S PLAINT

Vienna, March 13. Austria had been far worse treated than any other country in a similar position. Dr. Leopold Figl, Austrian Chancellor, declared today in an article on the negotiations for an Austrian treaty, now threatened with a breakdown in London.

"We have been made the plaything for international politics, which now know neither justice nor morals, neither feeling nor party," he wrote in the "Tages Zeitung."

"Every one of the great powers makes an agreement to the treaty dependent on our being 100 per cent on their side."

The Socialist Minister of the Interior, M. Oscar Helmer, last night told a Socialist Conference in Lower Austria that the negotiations in London go on but no reasonable man can hope any longer that London can bring any change for the better.

He added that the differences between the Allies have increased and the hopes of an agreement have sunk to nothing.

Reuter.

Salvation Army Drive

The Salvation Army needs HK\$572,167 more to reach its HK\$100,000 target for this year.

Since the appeal was made over Radio Hong Kong by Mr. A. Morse, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, more than HK\$27,000 have been collected from public donations.

The latest list of contributions follows:

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SENATORS' DEMAND

Washington, March 14.

The U.S. State Department is preparing a report which probably will indicate America's future policy toward China. This was disclosed yesterday by Senator Walter F. George, Democrat. Meanwhile the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today asked the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, to give his ideas on stopping Communism in China before seeking American arms shipments to bolster Europe against the threat of Communist aggression.

Chairman Tom Connally forwarded to Mr. Acheson a round robin letter signed by 50 Senators backing a proposal to grant \$1,500,000,000 in new United States military and economic aid to the Chinese Nationalists.

Senator Pat McCarran, sponsor of the proposal, indicated that he will demand a showdown on the issue before the Congress acts on the \$2,000,000 arms for Europe programme now being prepared to back up the North Atlantic security pact.

Senator Connally asked Mr. Acheson to comment on Senator McCarran's proposal. He indicated that the Foreign Relations Committee will be guided at least in part by the State Department's response.

Senator McCarran predicted, however, that Mr. Acheson's reaction would be pretty negative and said that he would press his plan for aiding China regardless of the Administration's attitude.

Meanwhile, Administration plans to ask the Congress for arms shipments to Europe continue to draw criticism.

Senator Harry F. Byrd said the programme might be an added burden on governmental spending that would pose the concretely alternative choice of deficit financing or increased taxation in this country.—United Press and Associated Press.

Positive Plan Wanted

But with the arms for Europe programme due to reach the Congress soon, Senator McCarran and his supporters feel that they are in a position to demand and get a "positive" Chinese programme.

Senator McCarran heads the Joint Congressional Committee on foreign aid and also the Senate Appropriations sub-committee. The State Department under both the former Secretary, George C. Marshall, and Mr. Acheson, has long contended that American investment in China's civil war would be a costly and

Big Orders Placed At German Fair

Leipzig, March 13. Orders estimated to total £5,250,000 were booked by exhibitors from the Soviet Zone of Germany at the Leipzig Fair, which ended today.

Last year's orders amounted to £2,050,000.

The number of visitors to the Fair totalled 220,000. More than half the orders were for machinery and approximately half of all the orders were booked by Poland.

Large contracts were also signed with Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Finland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy and Belgium.

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CHINESE CRUISER IN DAIREN

Shanghai, March 14. Contrary to Hong Kong Chinese press reports, the Chinese cruiser Chungking was seen a few days ago, undamaged and lying at anchor in Chinwangtiao, and has now gone to the Soviet-controlled Manchurian port of Dairen, according to reliable eye-witnesses quoted by the "China Press" today.

Formerly the British cruiser Aurora, the Chungking recently defected to the Communists and was later reported in the Hong Kong Chinese press to have been bombed and sunk by the Nationalist Air Force.

The eye-witnesses in question, who are not identified, are reported to have said the warship was seen lying at anchor undamaged, and had apparently not been attacked by planes.—Reuter.

Clergyman Criticises The Peace

Geneva, March 14. Allied peace efforts were criticised today by a Welsh church leader as shocking and frightening.

Dr. Elfan Rees, head of the Refugee Division of the World Council of Churches, said in a sermon that more people have been rendered homeless by an Allied peace than by a Nazi war.

He added: "One of the most frightening elements in Europe today is the existence of more than 12 million exiles dominated by desire to go home and to restore their broken lives, their stolen liberties and their submerged nationhood. It frightens me because they see another war as their only means to that end and look hopefully for one."—Associated Press.

Lodhion, March 13. London's police tonight prowl for a patrol car, a bit of their own property, stolen from in front of the Southwark District police station.—Reuter.

One-Sided Help Will Be "Foolish"

Shanghai, March 14. It will be both wrong and foolish for the United States to continue a policy of aid for only Nationalist China, the American-owned "China Weekly Review" said in an editorial today.

Partisan aid, the editor, John W. Powell, wrote, is certain to provoke a further wave of anti-American feeling from Communists in their areas.

And the editor pointed out that whether America likes it or not the Communists are due to play a dominant if not absolute role in China.

Powell said he understood that Roger Lapham, ECA China chief, has recommended that Congress appropriate about US\$24,000,000 to continue the ECA China programme for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and that aid is to be only for the Nationalists, not the Communists.

Powell said he finds it hard to reconcile the report Mr. Lapham

made to a Congressional Committee.

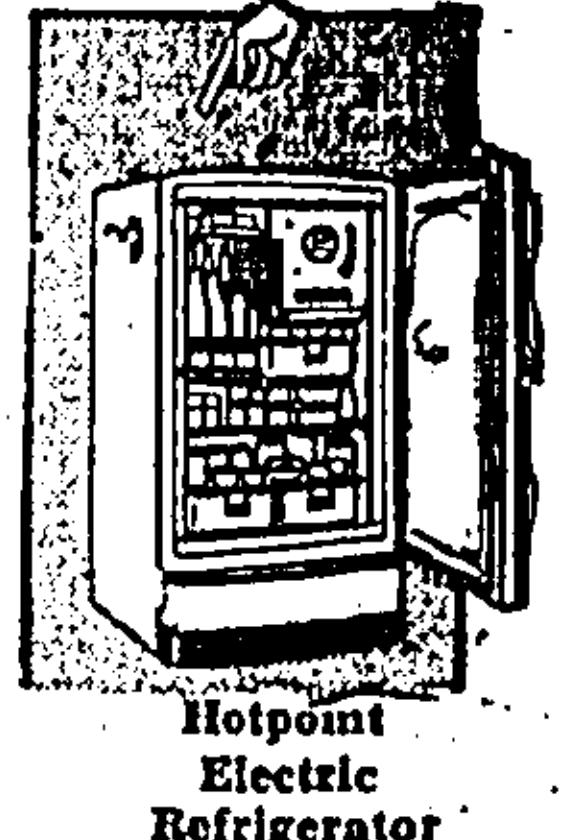
He said Mr. Lapham asked further aid for only the Nationalists while at the same time the ECA chief said he was of the opinion the Reds could sweep down across the Yangtze at any time.

Powell said: "We still think aid should be forthcoming, but we think it should be for the relief of the Chinese people during this present critical period regardless of their political beliefs. That, we think, will win friends.

"The policy of one-sided aid,

especially to an organisation which seems incapable of making good use of it, is both wrong and foolish."—Associated Press.

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Atom Bomb Will Be Taboo At Meeting

London, March 13. The atom bomb will be taboo as a subject of discussions when 300 world scientists, all experts on atomic energy, meet in Britain at the end of March.

Their talks will be strictly confined to the use of atomic energy in chemistry.

Professor Otto Hahn, the first man to split the uranium atom and one of Hitler's leading atomic scientists, will be among the 50 experts from abroad.

A Nobel Prize winner and recently voted the most popular living German, Professor Hahn is expected to speak on his work at Goettingen University.

The United States delegation—Professor R. E. Connick and Dr. G. Wilkinson, of the University

of California; Professor John W. Irving, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. H. A. Wilson, of Ames, Ohio—is said to be particularly anxious to meet the 70-year-old, severally famed German scientist.

The United States Government after the war wanted Dr. Hahn to work in America, but the British refused.

They argued that unless scientific and technical knowledge remained intact in the British Zone, Germany would never become self-supporting.

At Oxford

Dr. Hahn works in Germany under Allied supervision and is still concerned with the use of his discovery as a benefit instead of a bane. The colleague, Dr. F. Strassman, will also address the conference.

Canada is sending two experts—Dr. L. Yaffe and Dr. R. H. Betts, from the Canadian atomic plant at Chalk River, Ontario.

The conference, which will last a week, opens for two days on March 23 at Oxford University.

Then the atomic scientists will move to London. The talks have been arranged by the Ministry of Supply's Atomic Energy Research Establishment in conjunction with the Chemical Society.

The aim of the conference is to enable universities, research associations and industrial and government laboratories to become familiar with chemical developments in the field of atomic energy and the ways in which radio, chemical and similar techniques can help the investigations.

London, March 13. Moscow Radio tonight broadcast a talk by Academician Berg, President of the Soviet All-Union Geographical Society, renewing Russia's claims to be consulted about the Antarctic.

Professor Berg said: "The question of the Antarctic must be dealt with in the first place by those States which have a historical right to it. Any solution of the question of sovereignty in the Antarctic without the participation of the Soviet Union can have no legal validity, since the USSR has every ground for not recognising such a decision."

Professor Berg referred to the discoveries of the Russian navigators Bellinghausen and Lazarev. He said that in 1931 and 1939 Norway declared the island of Peter the First, discovered by Bellinghausen in 1921, to be its territory.

On January 27, 1939, the Soviet Government informed Norway that it could not consider Norway's action to be lawful and would reserve its point of view on the ownership of the island.

—Reuter.

COASTAL STEAMER'S DANGER

Inhambane, March 13.

The coastal liner, Inhambane, with eight European and several hundred coloured passengers aboard, is threatened with destruction in the midst of a raging storm 1,000 feet from the beach bar of Inhambane port.

The 1,800-ton freight and passenger ship, owned by the Companhia Nacional de Navegacao, runs a weekly service between Lourenco Marques and Inhambane and usually carries hundreds of colored workers to and from the Witwatersrand goldmines in the Transvaal. It is not known how many passengers are on the ship during her present voyage.

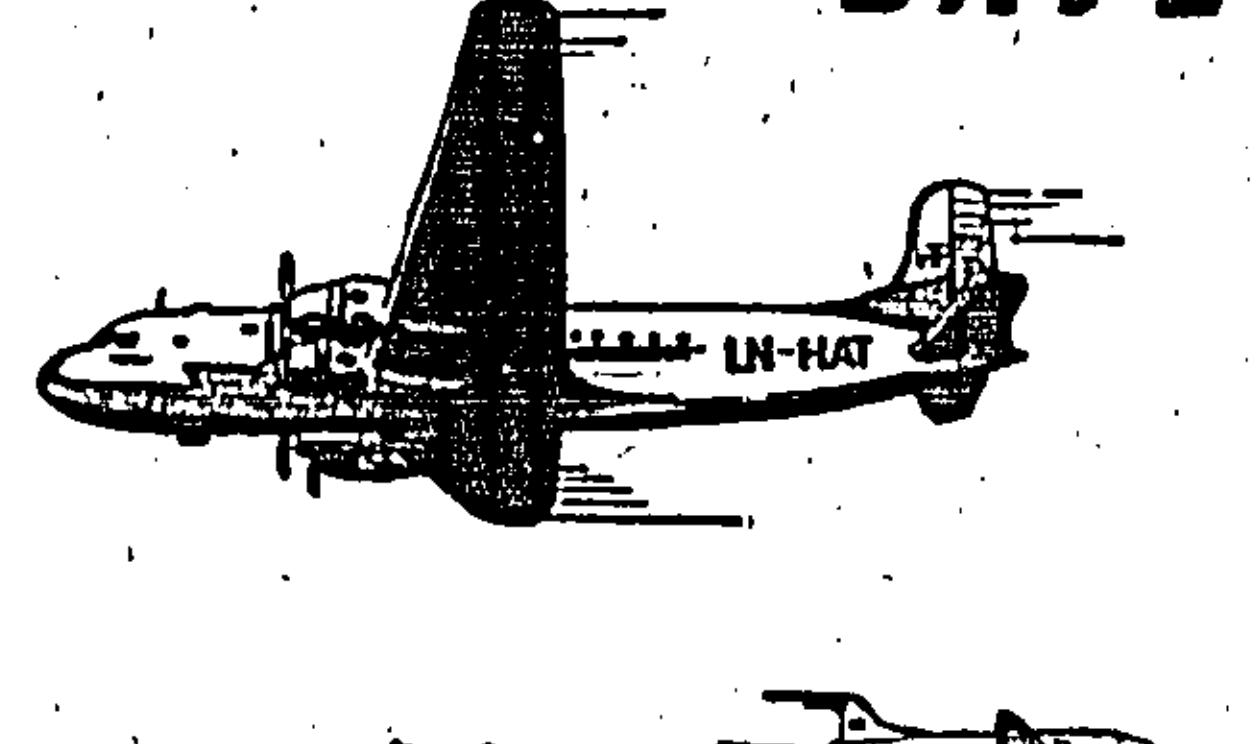
The ship reported last Friday that she had run aground outside Inhambane harbour. Efforts since then to free her have failed.

During the last 24 hours, the vessel's engines stopped, lights went out and the radio ceased working.

All attempts to throw cables to the shore for landing purposes have failed due to the storm. The ship is being tossed about helplessly in huge waves, endangering the lives of the crew and passengers.—Associated Press.

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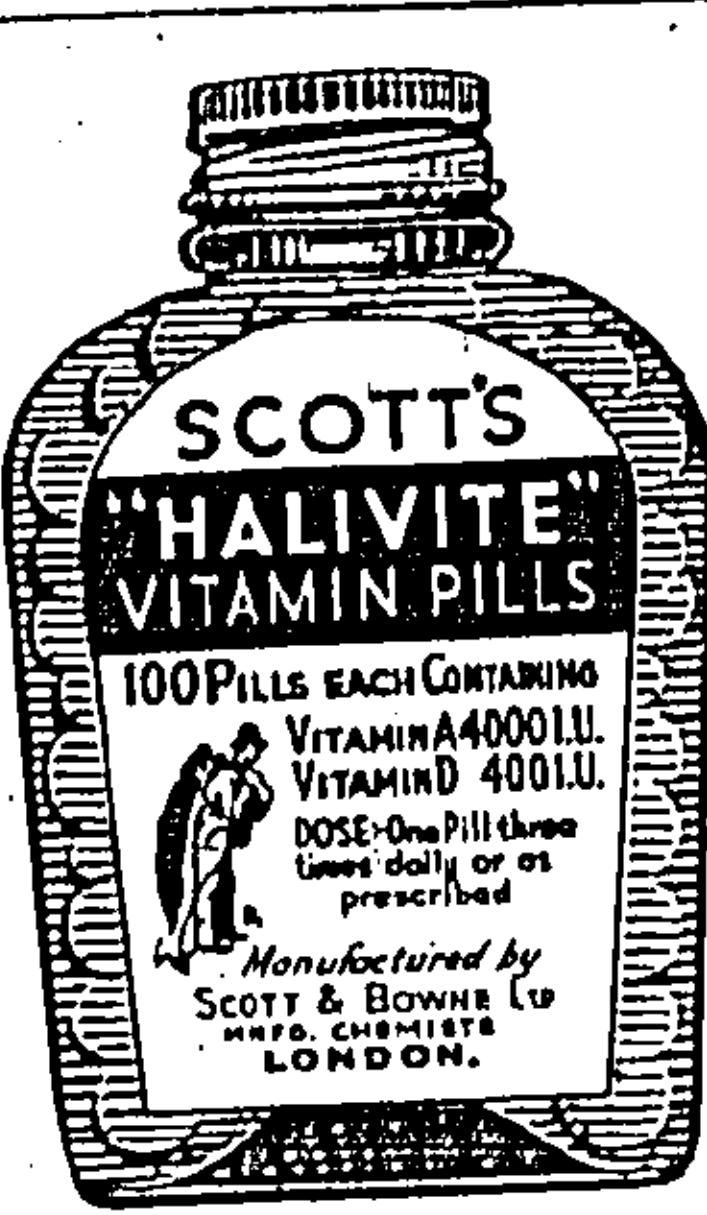
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Russians Without Any Defence Against B-36

Washington, March 13.
The Joint Chiefs of Staff had been handed a United States Air Force finding that Russia has no adequate defence against the B-36 super-bomber.

Furthermore, she may not have a defence for several years.

The finding is based on tests under combat conditions and it underscored the Air Secretary's description of the B-36 as an inter-continental bomber.

The Air Force's information, plus corollary interviews with Air Force officers stressed:

1. The super-bomber, which is capable of carrying an atomic bomb, "is the only bomber which can perform efficiently at an altitude of over eight miles. That, plus its armaments, makes it almost immune to interception and anti-aircraft fire."

2. It is the only bomber in the world that does not have to be altered so it can carry special bombs. Its capacity is two 42,000 pounds.

3. Russia faces two major defensive problems—building interceptors that could waylay big planes and ringing her vast terrain with a radar warning system that would get interceptors into the air in time.

Major Issue

4. Even the Air Force's jet fighters, believed to be as good as any in the world, are 800-mph demons at 30,000 feet but unwieldy in the thinner air at 40,000 feet. A test at Eglin Air Force base showed how they lose power and their small wings will not support them in thin air.

5. The B-36 soon will be equipped with four jet engines to augment its six 3,500-horsepower engines. That will increase its take off power and give extra speed when needed. Some Air Force officers believe the super-bomber's range of 10,000 miles not only means that atomic bombs can be delivered without hindrance, but that they would not have to be stored outside the United States in wartime where they can be exposed to attack.

The Air Force's data has been passed on to the White House. The major issue before the Air Force now is to develop an interceptor to "combat" the B-36. Air Force tests show there is

Under the light of reflectors a vast throng sang hymns as a plane, circling overhead, traced a great cross in vapor over the city. There was a similar ceremony in Valparaiso.—Reuter.

MASS SAID FOR CARDINAL

Santiago, March 13.

A Mass for Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, sentenced to life imprisonment, was celebrated at midnight last night outside the official residence of the Papal Nuncio here.

Cabinet Ministers, the Diplomatic Corps and high army officers attended.

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Mystery Fires In France

Paris, March 13.
A 46,000-volt transformer exploded today at Beauvoir, near Lille, Northern France, causing France's second power station fire in week.

The flames spread rapidly to several 15,000-volt transformers and firemen fought for hours to control the blaze, which caused damage estimated at about £10,000. The area was without power today.

On Tuesday night, the outskirts of France's largest hydro-electric plant at Genissiat, on the Rhone, were extensively damaged by a fire of unknown origin.—Reuters.

CRITICAL WEEK IN ATLANTIC DEFENCE

Washington, March 14.
This will be one of the most critical weeks of all in negotiations of the North Atlantic Military Alliance.

Denmark, Iceland and Italy are expected to draw closer to a formal line up with the Atlantic treaty powers. Portugal may be a question mark.

The text of the proposed treaty will be made public on Friday. That may be the signal for a now outburst of Russian attacks.

Communist leaders have already thrown down the challenge to Premier Alcide de Gasperi's anti-Communist Government in Italy. That may be the big testing ground. Similar opposition may develop in France.

However, France is already in the line-up of Atlantic treaty powers. Her diplomats participated in negotiations from the start. Others already in are Britain, Norway, Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and the United States.

Next in line and expected to join is Denmark. Iceland has a delegation on the way to Washington by plane. The subject of Italian membership is up for debate before the parliament in Rome. It has already been approved by de Gasperi's Cabinet.

Portugal may yet come in. Ireland has declared it will not join.

Portuguese Bases

The position of Portugal in the Atlantic makes it of great importance in the proposed new defence system. Washington diplomats say there is plenty of time for Portugal to act but there is no firm indication that it will.

Denmark, Iceland and Portugal control strategic island air base positions in the Atlantic. Denmark controls Greenland. Portugal holds the Azores.

The Icelandic Foreign Minister Bjarni Benediktsson said Iceland had not decided whether to join the alliance.

The Danish Foreign Minister Gustav Rasmussen was again at the U.S. State Department on Monday and Tuesday. He will probably fly back to Copenhagen on Tuesday night.

Talks with the Icelanders probably will open on Monday. Later in the week an Italian delegation is expected to establish direct contact.

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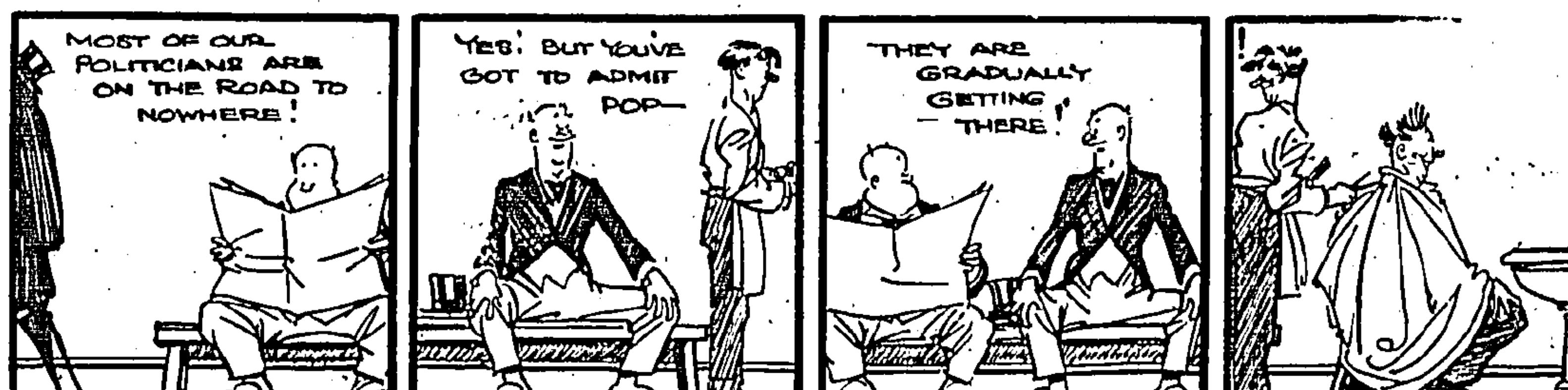
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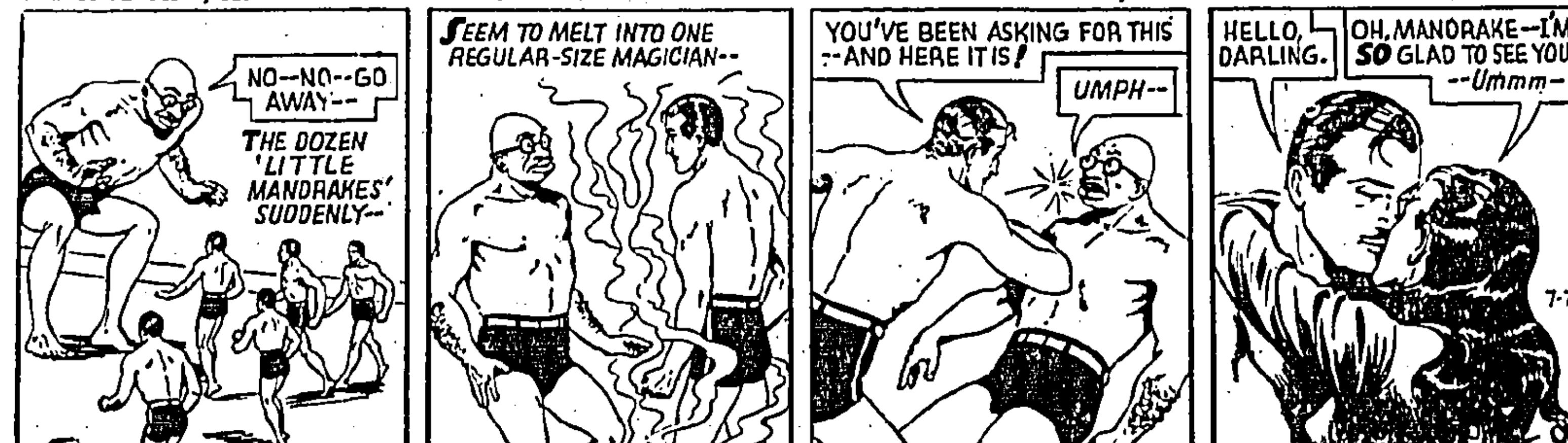
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DEFLATIONARY TREND CONTINUING IN U.S.A.

New York, March 13.

The deflationary trend in American business and industry continued this week.

Prices averaged somewhat lower and the deflationary trend extended to some products heretofore unaffected—the two cents a pound drop in lead prices for example.

Industrial production held up well considering seasonal factors and weather conditions. The steel industry was steady, although other barometers of business conditions showed some irregularity.

In some quarters, however, business was regarded as bad—particularly in the film industry in the United States and England. Conditions were regarded as so bad overseas that a delegation from the British motion picture industry plans to visit the U.S. to seek help from depressed Hollywood.

The New England fishing industry reported that foreign competition, especially from the Canadian maritime provinces, has created a tight situation around Boston and New Bedford.

The domestic watch making industry has been declining for some time. This is becoming worse because of the additional amount of Swiss watch movements produced with low labour.

Nearing Normal

There was additional evidence that the steel industry is filling demand so well that it is now possible to buy almost any kind of motorcar without paying a premium.

These and other signs indicate that the U.S. is nearing normal peace-time conditions.

Unemployment probably gained some ground as a result of a sizeable quota of factory closings or reducing working schedules, but there is evidence that this problem is easing. A number of plants which closed earlier this year have reopened.

Labour unrest again was widespread. It was a preview of things to come when major contracts expire or are examined again—such as in the steel, motorcar, and coal industries. Wide areas of disagreement continued between the railroads and thousands of Union employees.

The bold action of John L. Lewis in calling a coal strike for two weeks as a protest against a political appointment was believed to be only a start. Further moving developments in that industry are expected until a new contract with the miners is signed.

The steel industry operated at a new record high and produced more finished steel than ever before in history—in peacetime or war.

Stock Market

The operating rate was 101.4 per cent of rated capacity. Production totalled up to 1,868,300 tons. The previous high was 1,863,000 tons in January.

Motorcar production totalled 113,000 units, a decrease of nearly 6,000 from last week. Crude oil production also declined—to the lowest point in more than a year.

Freight car loadings were slightly higher than last week.

Business loans by banks dropped for the seventh consecutive week. At US\$16,147,000,000 these loans were at the lowest since last September.

The New York stock market continued in disfavour of both investors and speculators, but it rallied on Friday under the leadership of rails. Stock sales totalled \$1,515,240 compared with last week's \$3,929,840.—Associated Press.

BODIES FOUND

Paris, March 13. Five charred bodies were recovered today from the wreckage of a French Flying Fortress which crashed in flames at Younde, in the French Camerons, on Friday.

The plane, one of four which had completed a map-making survey of the Camerons for the French National Geographical Institute, flew into a storm while heading for Madagascar from Ovoura.—Reuter.

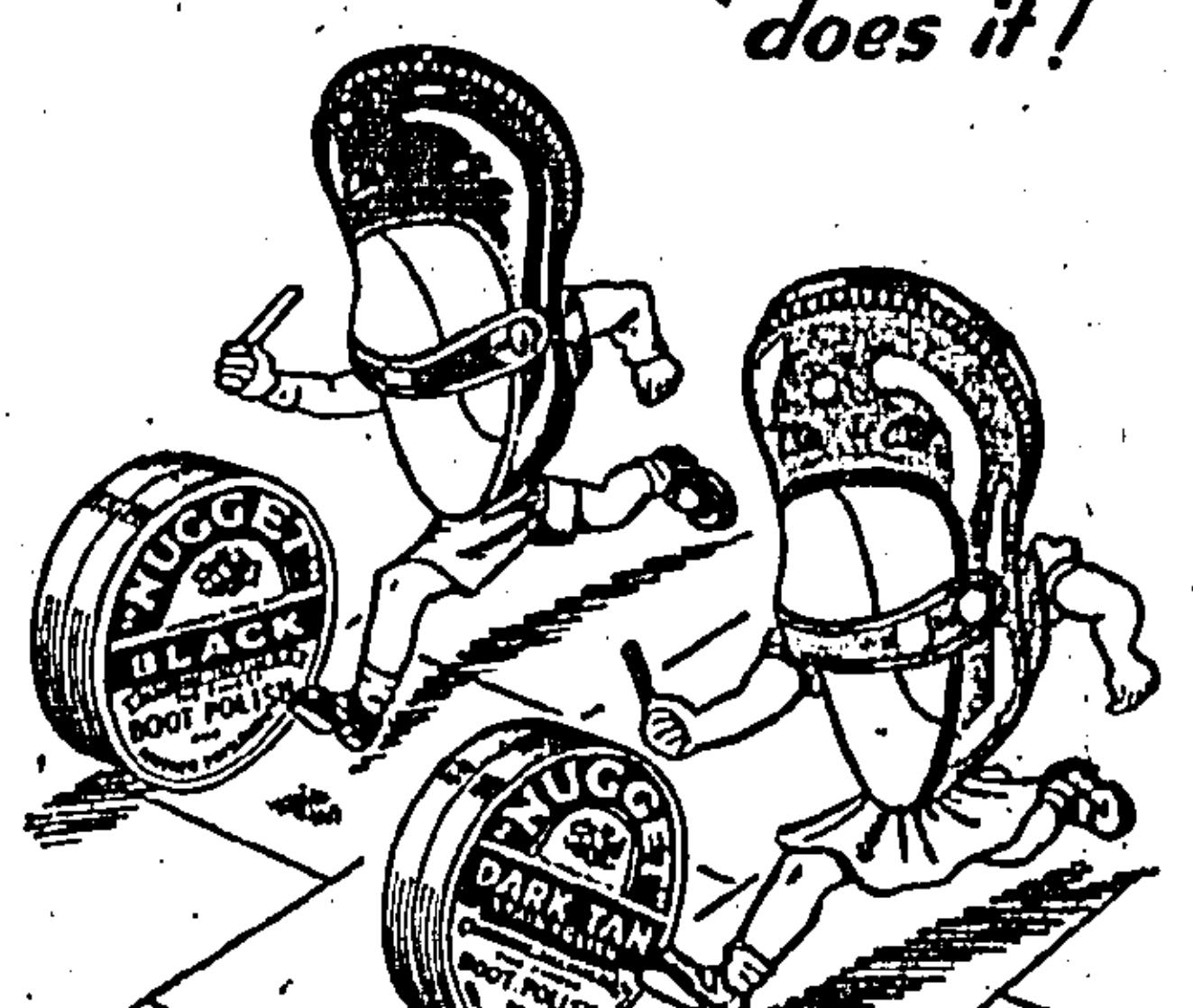
NEW TRADE PACT

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Vocabulary:

160. (tui) dui² A pair. Opposite. To face.
161. (kaal) haaye Shoes.
162. (mat) mut Socks. Stockings.
163. (ch'eung) cheung Long. Length.
164. (tuen) duen² Short.
165. (laan) laan Broken. Rotten. Worn-out.
166. (leng) leng² Over-type. Beautiful. Handsome. Pretty.
Useful phrases:
(19) Dui¹ m. jue. Sorry. Excuse me. Pardon me.
(20) Dzikl huk! Immediately. At once.

Combinations:

1. Dui¹ meen Opposite side.
2. Ngiau dui² kui wah I say to him.
3. Dui¹ jue. To be facing.
4. Yut¹ dui² binay. One pair of shoes.
5. Gay² cheung? How long?
6. Cheung mut. Stockings.
7. Cheung shaam¹. A gown.
8. Duen² shaam¹. A jacket.
9. Dah² laan. To break.
10. Cheuk¹ laan. Worn out.

Conversation (1):

S. Seen! shaang¹, yau, yun Someone has come to see you, sir.
lai geen² hay. Shall I tell him to come in?
Geeoo³, kui yup, lai ho! mah!
M. Kui jeuk¹ mut¹ yeh What clothes is he wearing?
shaam¹ nehi?
S. Kui jeuk¹ ayeen, laan duen² shaam¹ He is wearing a worn-out jacket, an old pair of short trousers.
jeuk¹, teeo¹, gau duen² foo!
jeuk¹ dui² laan, mut, and worn-out socks and shoes.
jeuk¹ dui² laan, haaye.
M. Aw! Nay wah kui jee¹ Oh! Tell him that.
ngaw, m hai² shue! lah!
I'm not in.

Conversation (2):

S. Seen! shaang¹, yau, yun Someone has come to visit you.
lai wun² hay. Shall I invite him in?
Tseng², kui yup, lai ho! mah!
M. Kui jeuk¹ mee¹ yeh What clothes is he wearing?
shaam¹ ah?
S. Kui jeuk¹ geen leng² cheung shaam¹ He is wearing a fine gown, a new pair of trousers
jeuk¹, teeo sun¹ foo!
jeuk¹ dui² leng² mut, and nice socks
jeuk¹ dui² leng² haaye.
M. Aw Deem² gaaye² hay Oh! Why don't you invite him in immediately?

Filibuster On Filibusters

Washington, March 13.

Leading Democratic Senators,

who are trying to work out a

compromise on President Tru-

man's civil rights programme,

which has split the party in two

and blocked other legislation,

adjourned their meeting today

without agreement.

A spokesman said afterwards:

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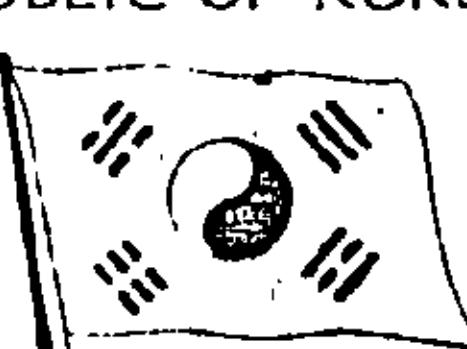
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MOUNT MAHITTELD (APL), American, 4,000 tons, ex-American, Capt. R. Whit.

NORMAN LYKES (APL), American, 4,000 tons, ex-US Gulf Ports, Capt. J.W. Lutcher. 10.25 a.m. R. Whit.

BALMONIER (Gibraltar), British 1,000 tons, ex-Singapore, Capt. K. Whit.

SHIJOHAN (U & S.), British 1,000 tons, ex-Singapore, Capt. K. Whit.

WEI MING (UK) Eastern, Chinese 3,113 tons, ex-Vancouver, Capt. T.O. Edwards. 10.25 a.m.

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BIGGEST EVER EXODUS OF FOOTBALL ELEVENTHS

Upsets In Badminton

Two major upsets in the Junior games featured last night's badminton programme at the VTC Hall.

Robert Tay and Patrick Wong advanced into the semi-final of the Senior Doubles by beating their club-mates, Bill Funk and Ramon Young in three sets.

The curtain-raiser between last year's Junior Singles runner-up Chung Wah-chiu and his club-mate D.C. Lau produced the first upset of the evening. Lau literally rammed his way to a superb win to avenge his defeat from Chung Lei's year, when he had to retire in the third set.

The services of both players were almost perfect, and after exchanged a wide repartee of strokes, Lau, however, held the great advantage of having more killing strokes in his smashes and forehand net drops.

The second upset saw defensive tactics win the day. P. Wong and S.C. Chan of Kowloon Tong Club, a seeded pair, found themself non-plussed by the ability of W.N. Cheung and Dr. H.F. Tai of YMCA, to return every one of their smashes. They began to fall into repeated errors to give the match away to Cheung and Tai.

The sisters, Bernadine and Theresa Remedios made a gallant attempt against the more experienced Mrs. L.F. Stokes and Mrs. Tamworth, but had to bow down to two opponents who can hit much harder than they.

Mrs. Stokes won the best of the quartette that night, and was conspicuous with her out drops and lobs to the backhand corner. Mrs. Tamworth gave able support with her smashes, killing the half-court returns of the Remedios girls.

Margaret Xavier, one of the most experienced of Ladies' Singles players in the colony did not have such an easy time although she won in two sets by 11-6 and 11-3.

Plucky Helen Kwong ran all over the court before she conceded any point. Her weakness, however, on the backhand gave a constant target to the steady Margaret.

Malcolm Kempton nearly had the honour of creating the third upset of the evening.

After winning the first set against Billy Soares, a seeded player, he was leading by 12-7 in the second set when he shamed to let Soares catch up with him to decide... and take the set. Soares took it, 15-12.

Robert Tay and Patrick Wong, the seeded pair in the men's doubles, dashed their way through to beat Bill Funk and Ramon Young after the latter had forced them to the third game.

The winning pair had much of their own way in the first game which they won by 15-8.

In the second however, Ramon Young came up with some magnificent net play which tricked the unsteady Wong into some expensive errors.

The first six points of the last game were bitterly fought, both sides scoring alternately. Thereafter, it was clearly a Tay-Wong decision when they won the next five points, lost the next two and ended the match with 15-8.

Full Scores

Junior Men's Singles: D.C. Lau beat W.C. Chung, 15-8, 15-11. Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Tamworth beat B. and T. Remedios, 15-8, 15-8.

Junior Men's Doubles: H.F. Tai and W.N. Cheung beat P. Wong and S.C. Chan, 15-8, 15-7.

Ladies' Singles: Margaret Xavier beat Helen Kwong, 11-6, 11-3.

Junior Men's Singles: J.A. Soares beat M. Kempton, 10-15, 15-12.

Senior Men's Doubles: Robert Tay and P.H. Wong beat Bill Funk and R. Young, 15-0, 12-15, 15-7.

Today's Games (At KCC Court)

7.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): H.M. Soares and J.A. Soares v L. Pomroy and G. Rosa Perera.

7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles): C.H. Ngan v K.P. Chan, 8.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss I. Soares and Miss Y. Franco v Miss H. Kwong and Miss H.F. Tai.

8.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles): A.J. Consalves and Miss G. Silva v S. Guttinger and Miss M. Baia.

9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles): Miss I. Soares and Miss Y. Franco v Miss H. Kwong and Miss H.F. Tai.

9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles): E.M. Rosario and J.A. Molta v F.M. Ribeiro and T.E. Rodriguez.

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Minor Alterations To Yacht Club Rules

(By "RUBBINGSTRAKE")

London, March 13.
The biggest exodus of British soccer teams to all parts of the world will be witnessed at the end of the present season. Almost daily, the English Football Association receives requests from League clubs for permission to make close season tours. Several Scottish and Irish clubs have also got the wanderlust.

Scandinavia appears a popular choice. Portsmouth, the team of the English season, are to tour Denmark and Sweden. Huddersfield, now making a gallant effort to extricate themselves from the First Division relegation zone, are also going to these two countries, and Holland as well.

Sweden will be the destination of Brentford if the London Second Division club can finalise plans, while Manchester City, the premier League side, are to visit Denmark.

Danish fans will probably miss the pleasure of seeing Frank Swift's wizardry in goal for he is considered certain to be chosen for the England team which will be touring the Continent at the same time.

For Turkey

Derby County, Blackpool and Tottenham Hotspur are among the other clubs interested in invitations from Scandinavia.

Dutch fans will have an opportunity of comparing the difference between English First and Third Division soccer for, in addition to Huddersfield, the little Northern club, Queen's Park Rangers, intend to pay a return visit.

Another London club, Charlton Athletic, who won the FA Cup in 1947, are also booked for Turkey to play four matches.

Fulham, now engaged in a bold challenge for promotion to the First Division, are to visit Spain. Their invitation is in return for transferring their centre-half, Jack Watson, to the Real Club of Madrid.

Spain, too, may see Burnley and Chelsea, both of whom are considering offers. Incidentally, Barcelona Club is reported to have invited Yeovil Town, the Cup "killers," to fly to Spain for a fixture on March 27.

American Tour

The other gallant little Cup fighters, Hull City, are going North to Iceland. The Cup holders, Manchester United, now at the top of their form, will be seen on the Continent, for they have turned their attention West for a proposed visit to the United States.

One of the most widely travelled League sides, West Ham United, are anxious to make their 24th tour. They have so far played in 71 different continental towns.

Swiss offers appeal to Liverpool, who last summer went across to Canada and the United States. North American tourists this year will be Newcastle and the Irish club, Belfast Celtic.

South America, too, has sent out invitations. Mexico and Brazil have both made attractive offers to the League champions, Arsenal. Mr. Tom Whittaker, their manager, told Reuter that the Brazil offer probably will be accepted.

Cielsen are also considering a trip to Brazil. Many other nations have requested the Football Association to arrange for clubs to visit them, so by the end of the season the list of tours is expected to be the greatest in the history of English soccer.

New Dixie?

The famous cry "Give it to Dixie" always heard at Goodison Park, Liverpool while W.R. "Dixie" Dean led the Everton attack, may again be heard on a football League ground in a few years' time.

Geoffrey Dean, son of the celebrated England centre-forward, is showing much promise as an outside left for his school in Chester. He surprised even his father, now a Chester publican, by his accurate centering in a recent school match.

Dean is now impressing on his son the necessity of becoming expert in kicking with either foot, and not relying too much on his left leg.

Dixie Dean, an adept at scoring goals with his head, still holds the English League individual scoring record with 370 goals, scored from the seasons 1922-24 and 1938-39. His 60 goals in 39 League games in the 1927-28 season is a Division I record. In that season, Dean scored a total of 82 goals, including International, Cup and representative games.

James McGregor, of Glasgow Celtic, scored 410 goals in Scottish League football, and his total in all first-class matches was 550. —Reuter.

Football Fixtures

The following soccer games will be played during the coming week-end:

SATURDAY, MARCH 19.

1st Division
Kit Chee v St. Joseph's; Navy 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linesmen: Pte. Collins and P. George.

Army v Navy: Sookum-poo 4.30 p.m.; Referee: R. M. Oman; Linesmen: D. P. Lau and A. Ribeiro.

South China "A" v Eastern; Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chinnall; Linesmen: J. Day and Mak Young-Fai; Kwong Wah v KMB; Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. G. Padley; Linesmen: A. F. Willis and H. Richardson.

Club v South China "B"; Postponed; CAA (bye).

2nd Division
Navy v Club; Navy 3 p.m.; Referee: Pte. Collins.

Army-HK v Dockyard; Sookum-poo 3 p.m.; Referee: D. P. Lau; Kit Chee v CAA; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: J. Day.

CAA v WD Chinese; Boundary 3 p.m.; Referee: A. F. Willis; KMB v Solicitors; Chatham Rd. 3 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Davey; St. Joseph's v Army-KL; Army "I" 3 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barreto.

University v Tramways; Cancelled.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20.

Governor's Cup Final
HKPA v CNAUFC: Club 4 p.m.; Referee: W. Gaffney; Linesmen: J. Ward and A.E.P. Guest.

(Duration of match will be 90 minutes. An extra time ten minutes each way will be played in the event of a draw).

2nd Division
South China v Talkoo; Caroline Hill 3 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.

JOCKEY CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Jockey Club yesterday announced the following alteration to the Classification List:

To Class 1 (Ponies of 1949-High Speed).

To Class 4 (Ponies of previous seasons);—Seafire, The Chief.

To Class 5 (Ponies of previous seasons);—Jeep King, Victorious.

To Class 6 (Ponies of previous seasons);—A Grand Time, Jump Bid, Marber, Souvenir, Windermere.

To Class 8 (Ponies of 1949);—Forever Spring.

To Class 7 (Ponies of previous seasons);—Al Fresco, Corrie Doo, Rosemary, Sapientia, Strathmaria, Sulphur.

To Class 9 (Ponies of 1949);—Busy Bee, Radiotron.

To Class 10 (Ponies of 1949);—Hop Yick, Sharpshooter.

A new notice, which incorporates all amendments, amplifications and additions to the Club handbook, will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board before Saturday. It includes certain minor alterations to present practice and will be in force forthwith. It cancels all other amending notices and instructions.

Similarly the open dinghy points are:

Howell 105 (4)
Robertshaw 84 (3)
Furner 76 (3)
Miles 75 (3)
Hancock 58 (2)
MacKay 51 (2)
De Goede 47 (2)
Bailey 46 (2)
Fell 41 (2)

WEEK-END RESULTS

Dragon's:

1st Pugle Pop 1.20.40
2nd Ecstasy 1.21.10

Six Starters:

1st Symphony 1.43.18
2nd Ecstasy 1.40.21

Ladies Dingbat:

1st Miss Blackmore (8) 1.11.40
2nd Miss Spencer-Cook (5) 1.12.50

3rd Miss Loseby (11) 1.18.37

Ten Starters:

1st Youself (7) 2.04.40
2nd Von Sydow (1) 2.05.42

Five Starters:

Redwings:

1st Miranda 1.29.45
2nd Jasapeed 1.36.02
3rd Ghost 1.40.04

There was a good turn out at Fanling for the Captain versus Secretary Golf match, 28 a side playing. The result was very close the Secretary's side winning by 31 1/4 to 27 points. Full details are given below.

The final of the mixed foursomes was also played and was won by Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown, who beat Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Coombes by four and two.

Further matches were played in the Men's Foursome competition and this has now reached the semi-final stage with Messrs. Heath and Cowperthwaite to play Messrs. Bathurst and Barry in the top half and Messrs. Linaker and Smalley playing Messrs. W.C. Hung and Suen in the lower half.

Entries for the G.M. Young Cup close on March 20.

The G.M. Young Cup presented by Mr. G.M. Young in 1927, to be a perpetual Challenge Cup and to be played for between teams (at present of four players) from any Bank or Firm; match play; all matches to be played out to the 18th hole; Singles and Fourballs; Singles to count one point and fourballs two. In the event of a tie on points the match is decided by holes.

The Ladies' Annual Meeting is being held at Fanling on Monday, March 21, and Tuesday, March 22.

SINGLES

CAPTAIN'S v SECRETARY'S

Robb v Wallace 1
Collins v Cowperthwaite 1
Cowperthwaite v Bathurst 1
Gordon v Wall 1
Mitchell v J.B. Mackie 1
J.D. Mackie v Goldsmith 1
Morris v Barry 1
Suen v Duffy 1
Stewart v W.C. Hung 1
Push v Ho 1
Douglas v Prophet 1
Lissaman v Hunter 1
Lissaman v Somerville 1
Redmond v Lydd 1
Heath v Bone 1
Gordon v Cleland 1
Salisbury v D. Hung 1
Jackson v Stabb 1
Davidson v Tan 1
Aiton v Wheldon 1
Wong v Prince 1
Paterson v Nicholas 1
Patlinson v Miller 1
Bailey v Graves 1
Kite v Chau 1
Wallem v Vaughan 1

12 Singles Total 171

FOURSOMES

COLONY OPEN DOUBLES

Lee Wai-tong and K.H. Ip beat Ho Kai-lu and Pang Ol-jan, 6-2, 6-1.

Tsui brothers beat D.J. Leonard and L.F. de Souza, 6-2, 6-1.